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SUPER SPECIALITY TREATEMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have set up Revolving Fund forexpeditious financing for speciality/super speciality treatment under ESI schemes;

(b) whether the funds released by Union Government to State Governments have been diverted to some other sectors;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to take up the matter with the remaining State Governments to open suchRevolving Fund to meet the emergent demand;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (f): A revolving fund at the level of Regional Offices of ESIChas been constituted to grant advances/re-imbursement for super-speciality treatment and all the State Governments except the Union Territories of Pondicherry & Chandigarh and State Government of Meghalaya have accepted the operation of this Fund.

As per agreement under Section 58 of ESI Act, 1948, the ESI Corporation pays 90% of its share towards Medical Benefitin advance in four quarterly instalments and the same is deposited in their treasuries. The State Governments release thesame to their ESI Schemes as per their Budget provisions. The final `On Account` payment is released by ESIC, only onreceipt of Audit Certificate issued by A.G. of the respective State Government.

ESI Corporation has invited suggestions from the State Governments on the Scheme to ensure properand timely flow of funds to the Scheme in the States/Union Territoires.